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Dear Wisconsin Migratory Game Bird Hunter,

It is hard to believe that another year has rolled around and it is time to begin planning for the fall's migratory game bird seasons. I hope you have spent some time over the summer getting your retriever and yourself in shape, cleaning up the decoys and making plans with friends for the fall.

There is a lot of good news again this year. Our spring waterfowl survey showed duck numbers, including mallards, were up again this year. Despite a very dry spring, rains in late May and June ensured good brood habitat for our ducks. As I have mentioned in previous years, about 70% of the mallards that are harvested in Wisconsin are probably produced in Wisconsin. The same probably holds true for woodies, the number 2 duck in our harvest. The areas of western Ontario and northern Manitoba and northern Saskatchewan are also important sources of mallards and many other species of ducks. The total duck breeding population and population of mallards have declined somewhat in these areas, compared to last year, so our late season fall flight may not be as strong as last year.

Overall, last year we harvested about 368,000 ducks in Wisconsin. Looking at 39 years of harvest information, last year would be considered about an average year, as many of you reported. Given normal fall weather here and to our north, I would expect we will experience a season similar to last year or a little better.

The outlook for Canada geese is also good. Our local population of nesting Canada geese was up again and production from this population looks good. The spring survey of the Mississippi Valley Population (MVP) of Canada geese in northern Ontario indicated the population was similar to last year, but the nesting effort was down. I am anticipating a fall flight of MVP geese similar to or somewhat below last year. However, given that population was above its population objective, coupled with an increasing number of local Canada geese in our annual harvest, our quota increased slightly. At the Spring Hearings this past April, you indicated that you would like to have the daily bag limit in the Exterior Zone increased to 2 later in the season, even if it means an early closure. This is reflected in the season dates and bag limits for Canada geese that you will find in this pamphlet. However, increasing the daily bag to 2 later in the season increases the likelihood that the quota will be reached before the published end of the season and an early closure. Watch for news releases during the season. Next year, the boundary of the Horicon Zone in Columbia County will change based on your vote at this year's Spring Hearings. Keep that in mind when you apply for the Regular Season Canada Goose permit in 2001.

Over the past two years, we have surveyed a sample of those youth participating in our special Youth Waterfowl Hunt Day. In 1998, about 1,600 youth hunted on the special day, harvesting an estimated 2,700 ducks. That represents less than 1% of the total ducks harvested in Wisconsin in 1998. Last year, about 3,400 youth participated in the special hunt and they harvested about 7,100 ducks. That represents less than 2% of our total duck harvest in Wisconsin last year. The youth harvest of Canada geese was less than 0.4% of our regular season Canada goose harvest in each year. About 80% of the youth were accompanied by a close relative while about 10% of the youth reported that a non relative took the time to expose them to waterfowl hunting. That is great because many of these youth (15% said they did not hunt during the regular waterfowl season) would probably not have had the opportunity to experience waterfowl hunting had you not made the effort. The majority of our hunters support this special opportunity and we are considering expanding the youth hunt opportunity this year. All of the information we have collected over the past two years shows that this special hunt does not chase the ducks out of the state before the regular season or negatively impacts the regular season duck and goose harvests. You will find the rules pertaining to this year's Youth Hunt on page 4 of this pamphlet.

We continue to work with a variety of partners in restoring waterfowl habitat in Wisconsin. Your state waterfowl stamp dollars are combined with dollars from organizations such as Ducks Unlimited, Wisconsin Waterfowl Association, Audubon, The Nature Conservancy, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, local sports clubs and others. Generally, we use those dollars as a match for additional dollars from the North American Wetland Conservation Act fund to expand our effort even more. Again, thank you for contributing to these organizations, so that our Wildlife Managers can accomplish even more habitat restoration work.

Over the next couple of years, the 1996 Farm Bill will be renewed. It is imperative that the Conservation Reserve and the Wetland Reserve continue to be a significant part of the new farm bill. Many of you wrote our congressional delegation seeking their support for these important habitat initiatives in the past. We will be asking for your letters of support in the near future.

I hope to see you this fall in a marsh somewhere in Wisconsin. Have a safe and enjoyable season.

Jon R. Bergquist, CWB
Migratory Game Bird Ecologist

2000 Youth Waterfowl Hunting Season - September 16 & 17

Who is Eligible? Only persons age 12-15 may hunt waterfowl (ducks, geese, coots, gallinules and mergansers). All hunters must be accompanied by an adult chaperone age 18 years or older. The adult may not accompany more than two youth hunters. The adult may not hunt ducks, however, an adult may hunt geese if the date concurs with a regular goose season date. (See pages 17-25.)

What type of licenses are needed? Successful completion of a Wisconsin Hunter Education Course and HIP registration is required. All license and stamp requirements are waived for eligible waterfowl hunters on this day except the Canada goose hunting permit.

What other rules apply? All other regulations listed in this pamphlet will apply. The hours are normal waterfowl hunting hours—1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset. The bag limit is the same as during the regular season, listed on pages 14, 15, 22, 24 and 25.

Does this youth hunt include goose hunting? Yes. For those wishing to take a Canada goose, a Canada goose permit for that zone is required. In the Horicon and Collins zones, a youth possessing a valid permit for any time period may take two (2) Canada geese on the September 16 & 17. He/she must tag the Canada geese as outlined on pg. 19, using his/her regular season tags. Youth possessing the Exterior Zone Canada goose permit may take two (2) Canada geese/day in that zone on the Youth Hunt days. Validation of the permit and reporting are required as outlined on pages 21 and 22.

About the Cover

Don Moore was the 2000 winner of the state Waterfowl Stamp Contest with this painting of canvasback. The contest is an annual event open to Wisconsin artists beginning in mid-May. Details may be obtained by writing Bureau of Wildlife Management, DNR, Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707.

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What's New in 2000

- ★ We are expanding the Early September Canada Goose hunting season statewide this year. See the 2000 Early September Canada Goose Hunting Regulations for details.
- ★ Wisconsin is taking part in the National Migratory Game Bird Harvest Information Program (HIP) to help determine the number of hunters and harvest levels of migratory game birds. If you intend to hunt migratory game birds (ducks, geese, woodcock, coots, rails, snipe or gallinule) in Wisconsin in 2000 you must be HIP registered in Wisconsin. If you registered in 1999, you will need to register again in 2000. HIP registration is free of charge and you can register when purchasing your license or at any time prior to hunting migratory game birds. **All migratory game bird hunters are required to participate in this program.**
- ★ State waterfowl stamps no longer need to be attached to your license—the stamp privilege you will purchase will be printed right on your license. If you pay for a stamp and still want to receive the actual stamp, you can get one at a DNR service center at no additional cost. You are still required to purchase the federal waterfowl stamp, sign it across the face and carry it while hunting.
- ★ Trapping on the Mississippi River: For the second time in over 20 years, waterfowl and trapping seasons will overlap within the Mississippi (Trapping) Zone—Chippewa River south to the Illinois state line. Trapping will begin on the 2nd Monday in November, providing a period of open water trapping opportunity during long waterfowl seasons. A positive attitude is being expressed by both waterfowlers and trappers regarding this new season. Both feel that with an

understanding of each other's needs and a little common courtesy, this year should run as smoothly as last year. For more information please contact: DNR, 3550 Mormon Coulee Rd., LaCrosse, WI 54601 or call 608-785-9000.

- ★ A special youth waterfowl season will be held on September 16-17. Only persons age 12-15 may participate if accompanied by an adult age 18 or older. See pg. 4 for more information.
- ★ Hunters should report the numbers found on a migratory bird leg band by calling 1-800-327-BAND (1-800-327-2263). Reporting these band numbers is critical to the management of migratory waterfowl! Please use the telephone system (see pg. 30 for more information).

License Information

See page 4 for youth waterfowl hunt license exceptions on September 16-17.

- **License requirement.** A valid hunting license is required to hunt all migratory game birds in Wisconsin.
- **Age related regulations**
 1. **Persons born on or after January 1, 1973, must have a hunter education certificate to purchase any hunting license.**
 2. **Persons 12 and 13 years old** must be accompanied by a parent or adult (18 years or older) guardian while hunting.
 3. **Persons younger than 12 years old** may not hunt or purchase a hunting license.
 4. **Persons 12 years old and over** must have hunting licenses except 2000 Wisconsin hunter education graduates using a hunter education certificate during the period it is valid as a small game license.
 5. **Persons 16 years old and older** must purchase the state and federal waterfowl stamps.
- **Note: First time Wisconsin Hunter Education Course graduates may use their hunter safety card in place of a small game license and state waterfowl stamp.**
- **License/permit/tag use:** It is illegal to allow someone else to use or carry your license, permit, tag or stamp, or for you to use or carry some other person's license, permit, tag or stamp.
- **Resident Licenses:** Small Game—\$14.00; Junior Small Game (residents age 12-17)—\$8.00; Senior Citizen Small Game—\$7.00; Sports—\$43.00; Conservation Patron—\$110.00 (includes a State Waterfowl Stamp, but excludes a Federal Migratory Bird Stamp).

- **Nonresident Licenses:** Small game—\$75.00; Five-day small game—\$43.00.
- **Senior Citizen Recreation Card:** (existing cards are still valid as long as the holder remains a Wisconsin resident): Card holders must purchase the Federal Migratory Bird Stamp annually; the Wisconsin Waterfowl Stamp privilege is not required. Card holders must be HIP registered annually (see below).
- **Wisconsin Waterfowl Stamp Privilege** (\$7.00): Available at DNR Service Centers and license vendors.
- **Federal Migratory Bird Stamp** (\$15.00): Available at U.S. Post Offices and some U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service offices.
- **Canada goose permit:** (\$3.00 application fee or exterior zone permit) Required by everyone hunting Canada geese in Wisconsin. This permit is valid for only one zone as shown on the permit.
- **HIP Registration:** (FREE) Required annually by everyone hunting any species of migratory game birds in Wisconsin.

State and Federal Duck Stamps

Any person 16 years of age or older may hunt wild ducks, geese and brant provided such person possesses: (1) A 2000 Wisconsin Waterfowl Stamp privilege noted on the person's valid hunting license. (2) A 2000 Federal Migratory Bird Stamp with the signature of the license holder written in ink across the face of the stamp.

Note: A person who has not reached the age of 16 years is not required to have either stamp. In addition, no one is required to have either stamp to hunt coot, gallinule, snipe, rails or woodcock.

State and Federal Migratory Game Bird Restrictions

Migratory game birds include: ducks, geese, brant, rails, coots, gallinules, woodcock and snipe. The restrictions which apply include all those listed in the general hunting regulations (separate pamphlet) plus the following:

The following rules are both State (S) and Federal (F) unless specifically noted.

- **Dual violation:** Violation of state migratory bird regulations is also a violation of federal regulations.

- **Caution:** More restrictive regulations may apply to National Wildlife Refuges open to public hunting. For additional information on federal regulations, contact U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Federal Building, Fort Snelling, Twin Cities, MN 55111-4056. Telephone: (612) 713-5458. See page 12 for special non-toxic shot requirements. It is the hunter's responsibility to know what rules apply.

While pursuing migratory game birds, it is illegal to:

- **Hours:** Hunt before or after established hunting hours (pages 31-32).
- **Closed season:** Take migratory game birds during the closed season.
- **Daily bag limits:** Take or attempt to take, in any one day, more than one daily bag limit. **Group bagging for migratory game birds is not permitted.**
- **Field possession limit:** Possess more than one daily bag limit while at or between the place killed and the person's temporary or permanent abode.

Methods

1. Open Water (S)

"Open water" means any water beyond a natural growth of vegetation rooted to the bottom and extending above the water surface of such height as to offer whole or partial concealment to the hunter. Dead stumps and dead trees in the water do not constitute a natural growth of vegetation.

- **Open Water Hunting:** No person may hunt waterfowl in open water from any blind including any boat, canoe, raft, contrivance, or similar device except from:
 1. **Mississippi River:** Blinds in any of the waters of the Mississippi River and adjoining counties provided the blinds are securely anchored and located not more than 100 feet from any shoreline including islands. Blinds in open water in Grant County and the Lake Pepin portions of the Mississippi River are permitted regardless of the distance from shore provided the blinds are securely anchored.
 2. **Big Green Lake and Great Lakes area:** Blinds in open waters of Big Green Lake in Green Lake County, Lake Superior, Lake Michigan, and Green Bay if beyond 500 feet of any lake or bay shoreline. Blinds do not have to be anchored in these areas.

- 3. Lake Winnebago and Petenwell Flowage:** Blinds in open waters of Lake Winnebago and Petenwell flowage (north of state highway 21 and south of state highway 73) if located more than 1,000 feet from any shoreline, including islands, provided blinds are securely anchored.

Note: You may hunt in any open water area provided you are standing on the bottom without the aid of a blind. Blinds mean any securely anchored boat, canoe, raft or similar device. All open water blinds shall be removed at the close of hunting hours each day.

- **Jump Shooting:** The open water restrictions are not intended to prohibit legal jump shooting activities. It is legal to hunt by boat in streams. However, on larger bodies of water, the hunter must keep a portion of the boat in natural vegetation. Skirting the edge of rivers and lakes in this manner is considered legal.
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2. Structures, Boats and Vehicles

While pursuing migratory game birds, it is illegal to:

- **Structures (S):** Hunt from any pier, dam, dock, breakwater or similar artificial structure. Class A disabled hunting permit holders are exempt.
- **Sink box:** Hunt from a sink box (a low floating device, having a depression affording the hunter a means of concealment beneath the surface of the water).
- **Waterfowl blind (S):** Establish a waterfowl blind on state property, including the bed of any navigable lake, prior to 7 days before the waterfowl season or leave it established beyond 7 days after the close of the waterfowl season. Any blind left on state property during the season must permanently bear the name (in lettering one-inch square or larger) of the person who constructed the blind.
- **Moving boats:** Hunt from any *moving* boat *not* in open water unless it is propelled by paddle, oars or pole. Motorboats and sailboats must have their motors completely shut off and/or the sail furled, and its progress therefrom has ceased.
- **Vehicle use:** Take migratory game birds from, or with the aid or use of, any vehicle except by qualified disabled persons under DNR permit. Federal rules prohibit taking migratory game birds from any motor vehicle, except paraplegics and persons missing one or both legs.

3. Devices

While pursuing migratory game birds, it is illegal to:

- **Decoys:** Hunt with decoys which are:
 - 1. Placed beyond 200 feet from the cover in which the hunter is located (S).
 - 2. Placed in the water prior to one hour before the opening of waterfowl hunting time (S).
 - 3. Left in the water more than 20 minutes after the close of waterfowl hunting time (S).
 - 4. Left in the water unattended. *Note: You may leave decoys unattended on dry land (S).*
 - 5. Live, regardless of distance from the hunter.
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All live, tame, or captive ducks and geese shall be removed for a period of 10 consecutive days prior to hunting, and confined within an enclosure which substantially reduces the audibility of their calls and totally conceals such birds from the sight of migratory waterfowl.

- **Bird calls:** Use records, tapes or CDs of migratory bird calls or sounds or electronically amplified imitations of bird calls.
- **Baiting:** Hunt by the aid of baiting or on or over a baited area where a person knows or reasonably should know that the area is or has been baited. A baited area is considered to be baited for 10 days after the complete removal of the bait. Baiting includes placing, exposing, depositing, distributing or scattering of salt, grain or other feed that could serve as a lure or attractant for migratory game birds to, on, or over areas where hunters are attempting to take them. Agricultural areas must be prepared in accordance with official recommendations to be legally hunted. It is a separate offense to place or direct placement of bait on or adjacent to an area that causes, induces, or allows another to hunt by the aid of bait or over a baited area. Hunters are responsible for ensuring that an area has not been baited and should verify its legality prior to hunting. The maximum federal penalties are: for hunting over bait: \$15,000/6 months jail, and placing bait: \$100,000/1 year jail.
- **Hazing:** Use in any manner any air, water, or motor-driven land conveyance for the purposes of concentrating, driving, rallying, or stirring up any migratory game bird to put them in the range of hunters.

4. Guns and Ammunition

While pursuing migratory game birds, it is illegal to:

- **Shotguns:** Hunt with anything other than a shotgun fired from the shoulder, bow and arrow, or by falconry. Persons possessing Class A disabled or crossbow hunting permits may use a crossbow. Taking migratory game birds with a trap, snare, net, rifle, pistol, swivel gun, shotgun larger than 10 gauge, punt gun, battery gun, machine gun, fishhook, poison, drug, explosive, or stupefying substance is illegal.
- **Shotgun capacity:** Hunt with a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells, unless it is plugged with a one-piece filler which is incapable of removal without disassembling the gun.
- **Shot type:** Hunt with any type of lead or other toxic shot when hunting waterfowl, coots and gallinules. Any shot used must be non-toxic (defined below). This means muzzleloaders must also use non-toxic shot. Only non-toxic sizes BB, BBB, T, or smaller are legal. Size F shot is illegal in Wisconsin. In addition, no person may possess any shotshell loaded with shot material other than non-toxic shot when hunting waterfowl, coots or gallinules. *Note: Except as listed below, lead shot may be used to hunt woodcock, snipe and upland game species. All "Shotgun Capacity" rules apply when hunting woodcock and snipe (see above).*
Only non-toxic shot may be possessed or used for hunting upland game species on the Horicon and Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife Refuges and all federally owned Waterfowl Production Areas (WPAs), except that lead shot may be used for wild turkey hunting on the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife Refuge and on federally owned Waterfowl Production Areas.
- Shoot a firearm within 100 yards of a building devoted to human occupancy while on lands of another without permission of the owner or occupant.

Non-toxic shot currently approved for use:

- a. Steel shot.
- b. Steel shot with coatings of <1% total mass of either copper, nickel, zinc chromate, or zinc chloride.
- c. Bismuth-tin in a mixture of 97-3%, respectively.
- d. Tungsten-iron, and
- e. Tungsten-polymer

Non-toxic shot pending approval for use (please contact your local DNR Service Center in September for final confirmation);

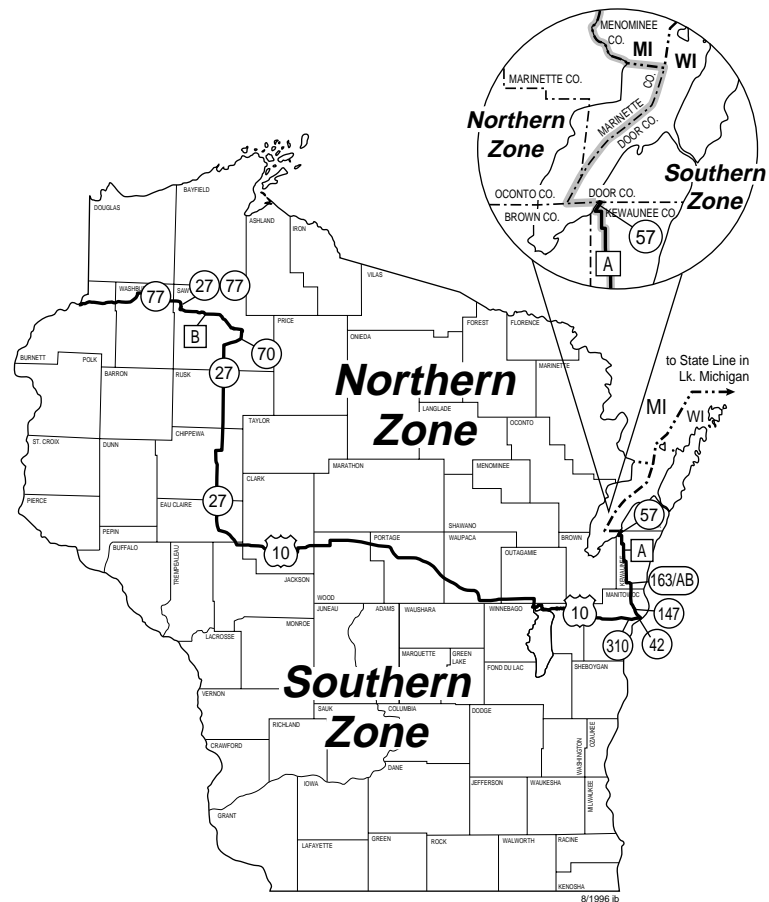
- a. Tungsten-matrix

- **Weapons transport (S):** Carry in or on a motor-driven boat while the motor is running, any firearm or bow unless such firearm is unloaded or such bow is unstrung or enclosed within a carrying case.

Always remember the Three Rules of Firearm Safety

1. Treat every gun as if it were loaded.
2. Always point the muzzle in a safe direction.
3. Be sure of your target and beyond.

2000 Migratory Game Bird Hunting Zones





Northern Zone

2000 Migratory Game Bird Seasons (See detailed map p. 13)

Normal shooting hours (page 31) apply except on September 30 when hunting begins at noon.

All Wild Ducks	Sept. 30 at 12:00 noon through November 28	Daily bag limit: 6 ducks to include not more than 4 mallards of which only 1 may be a hen, 1 black duck, 1 pintail, 1 canvasback, 2 redheads, 2 wood ducks and 3 scaup. Possession limit: The possession limit is double the daily bag limit.	
	Season Length	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Mergansers	Same as wild ducks. Daily bag may not include more than 1 hooded merganser.	5	10
Coot and Gallinule	Same as wild ducks.	10	20
Sora and Virginia Rails	Same as wild ducks.	25	25
Snipe	Same as wild ducks.	8	16
Woodcock	September 23 through November 6.	3	6

Falconry hunters see page 29 for season dates and bag limits.



Southern Zone

2000 Migratory Game Bird Seasons (see detailed map p. 13)

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All Wild Ducks	Sept. 30 at 12:00 noon through November 28	Daily bag limit: 6 ducks to include not more than 4 mallards of which only 1 may be a hen, 1 black duck, 1 pintail, 1 canvasback, 2 redheads, 2 wood ducks and 3 scaup. Possession limit: The possession limit is double the daily bag limit.		
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Possession Restrictions

- **Retrieval:** No person may kill any game bird without making every reasonable effort to retrieve such bird. This should be done without delay to prevent loss of the bird. Crippled birds should be immediately pursued.
- **Open water retrieval:** Crippled birds which fall or move into open water should be immediately pursued and a hunter may shoot crippled birds from a boat propelled by paddle, oars or pole. A shotgun may be uncased but may not be loaded while in a boat with the motor running.
- **Tagging:** No person may give, put, or leave any migratory game birds at any place or in the custody of another person unless the birds are tagged by the hunter with the following information:
 1. The hunter's signature.
 2. The hunter's address.
 3. The total number of birds involved, by species.
 4. The dates such birds were killed.

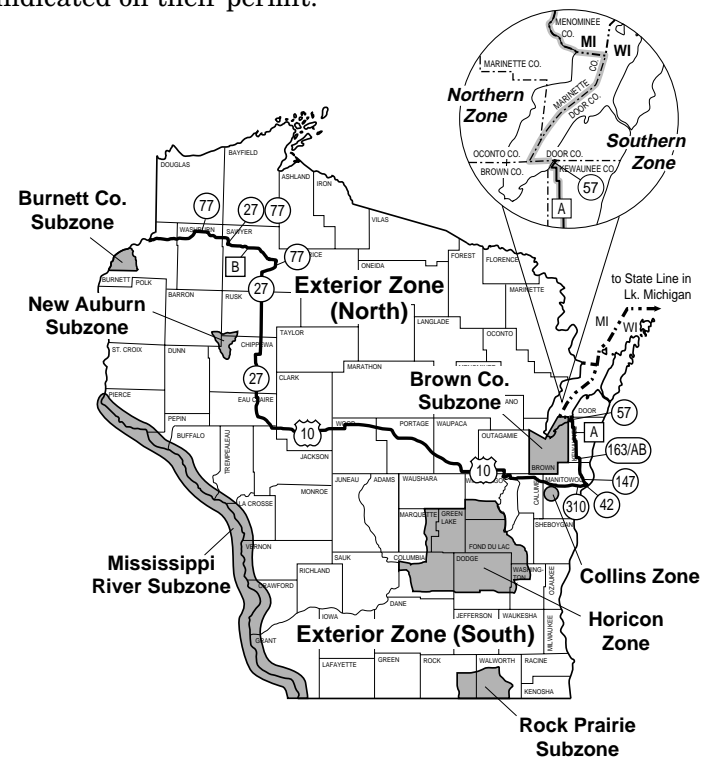
No person or business may receive or have in custody any migratory game birds belonging to another person unless such birds are properly tagged and a record of such receipt is kept by the business.

- **Possession of live birds:** Wounded birds reduced to possession shall be immediately killed and included in the daily bag limit.
- **Importation:** For information regarding the importation of migratory game birds killed in another country, hunters should consult 50 CFR 20.61 through 20.66 (a copy can be obtained from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service address shown under "Caution" on page 9).
- **Shipment:** No person may ship migratory game birds unless the package is marked on the outside with the:
 1. Name and address of the person sending the birds.
 2. Name and address of the person to whom the birds are being sent.
 3. Number of birds, by species, contained in the package.
- **Transportation:** Migratory game birds may be field dressed before they are transported from the field. However, the head or one fully feathered wing must remain attached to all migratory game birds being (1) transported from the field to the person's permanent abode and (2) between a hunting cabin, camp, motel or other temporary abode to the permanent abode.

Goose Hunting

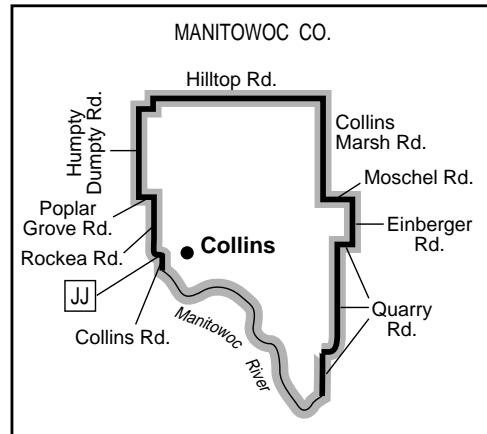
Canada Goose Management Zones and Subzones

The state is divided into three management zones: Horicon; Collins; and Exterior. To hunt Canada geese in Wisconsin everyone must possess a Canada goose hunting permit which restricts them to one zone. Permits can be obtained by submitting a department application. *In 2001, the application deadline for the Horicon and Collins zones will be August 10th.* Exterior Zone hunters may purchase an Exterior Zone permit until the close of the Exterior Zone Canada goose season. Hunters may hunt in only one zone and in the time period indicated on their permit.



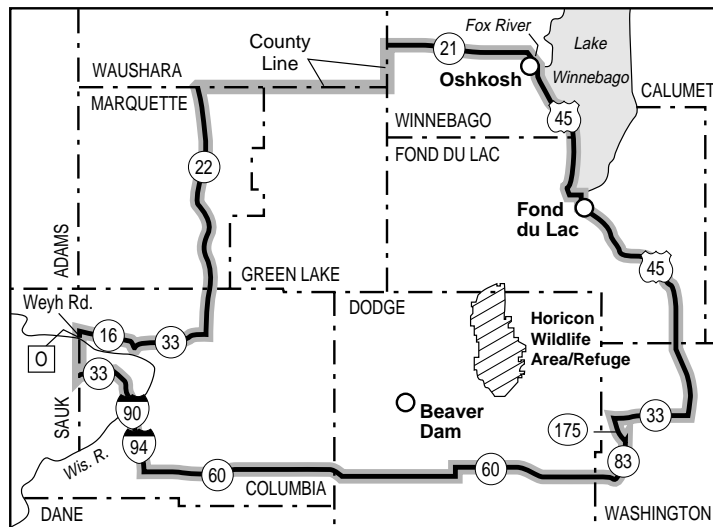
The Exterior Zone includes the following subzones: Brown County, Burnett County, Mississippi River, New Auburn, and Rock Prairie. Only persons having Exterior Zone permits are allowed to hunt Canada geese in these subzones. See page 23 for descriptions of subzone boundaries and season dates.

Collins Zone



 Boundary

Horicon Zone



 Boundary

Permits and tags are not transferable, cannot be reused, altered, or defaced and are only valid for the zone and time period specified on the permit.

Canada Goose Tagging Requirement

Collins and Horicon Zones

When a Canada goose is killed and *before it is carried by hand or transported in any manner by any person*, the hunter who killed the goose must:

- Validate the carcass tag by tearing or cutting out notches on the carcass tag. This designates the month, day and time of kill. Failure to follow this validation procedure invalidates the carcass tag.
- Completely attach the tag (utilizing its own adhesive) to the neck or leg of the goose.

Canada Goose Transportation Restrictions

Collins and Horicon Zones

- You may only transport Canada geese in a motor vehicle in such a manner that the tag attached to the Canada goose cannot be handled by any occupant of the vehicle.
- You must keep the tag attached to the Canada goose until it reaches your home.

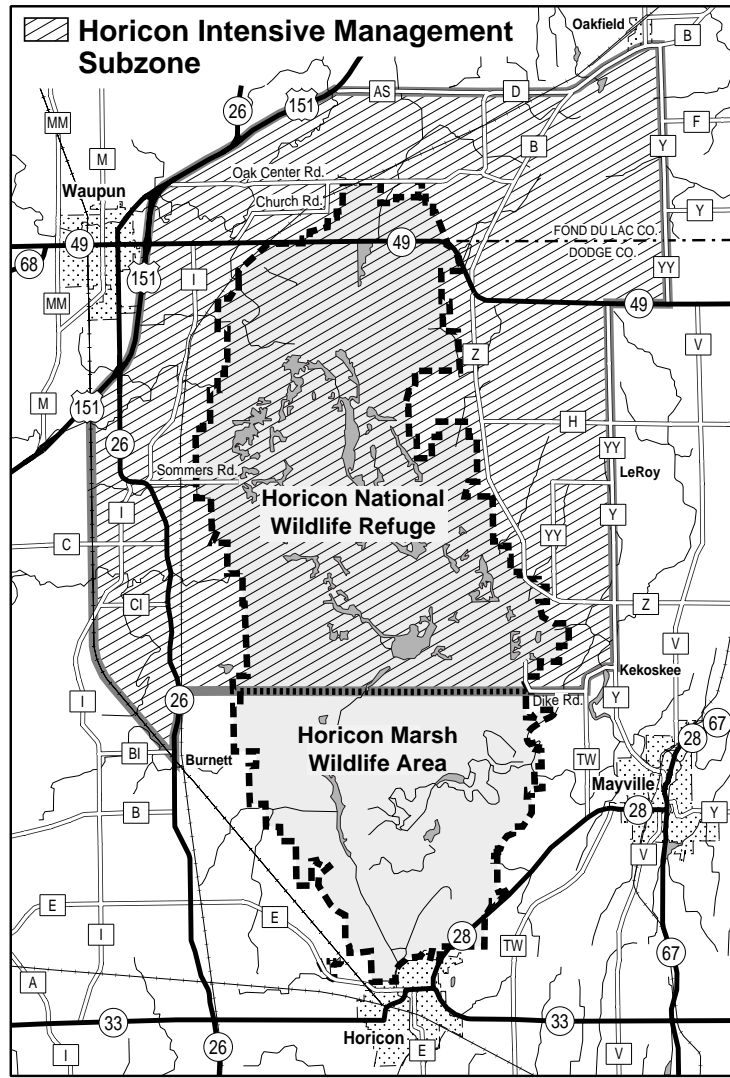
Special Horicon Zone Restriction

You may not hunt waterfowl from any road or railroad including their respective rights-of-way. *Note: Railroad rights-of-way are private property and trespass is prohibited unless permission is granted by the owner.*

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Horicon Intensive Management Subzone

The area shown on the following map is a specific area located *within* the Horicon Zone. This separate area has additional rules of its own (page 21).



Blind Restrictions

Horicon Intensive Management Subzone

The following rules apply to the hunting of any species of geese during the regular goose season on any land in the Horicon Intensive Management Subzone.

While hunting as described above, you may not:

- Hunt geese, except from blinds, in the Horicon Intensive Management Subzone. Hunters with a Class A disabled hunting permit may hunt outside of, but within 20 feet of a blind.
- Hunt from a blind which is occupied by more than one other hunter (limit of two hunters per blind).
- Hunt from any blind placed within 200 yards of any other hunter-occupied blind.
- Hunt from any blind placed within 100 yards of the boundary of the property on which such blind is located.
- Place any blind within 75 yards of the Horicon Wildlife Refuge.

In this special goose subzone, a blind is any framed enclosure or pit camouflaged to provide concealment. A blind may not be more than 15 feet in its greatest dimension. *Note: Crippled geese may be pursued on foot or by boat (described on page 16) with the aid of a dog and shotgun after being shot from your blind, provided you do not enter the Horicon National Wildlife Refuge.*

Canada Goose Permit Validation

Exterior Zone

When a Canada goose is killed and *before it is carried by hand or transported in any manner by any person*, the hunter who killed the goose must validate their Canada goose hunting permit. Validation is accomplished by slitting or punching out the mark indicating the date of kill. Failure to follow validation procedure makes the possession of the goose illegal and can result in enforcement action.

Canada Goose Reporting Requirements

Exterior Zone

You must report each harvested Canada goose within 48 hours of the kill by calling 1-800-99-GOOSE (1-800-994-6673) on either touchtone or rotary telephones.

To check the progress of the Exterior Zone Season call 1-877-833-2837.

Note: Canada goose permit holders and other waterfowl hunters may be mailed a special hunting report. This report must be completed and mailed to DNR. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Season and Bag Limit for Geese other than Canada Geese

Snow/blue geese, Ross' goose, other geese and Brant:

Horicon Zone:

Sept. 16 - Sept. 29 and Sept. 30 (noon) - Dec. 19.

Collins Zone:

Sept. 16 - Sept. 29 and Sept. 30 (noon) - Nov. 17 and Nov. 27 - Dec. 1.

Northern portion of Exterior Zone including Brown County Subzone:

Sept. 23 - Sept. 29 and Sept. 30 (noon) - Dec. 24.

Southern portion of Exterior Zone:

Sept. 23 - Sept. 29 and Sept. 30 (noon) - Dec. 24.

Rock Prairie Subzone:

Sept. 23 - Sept. 29 and Sept. 30 (noon) - Dec. 15.

Mississippi River Subzone:

Sept. 30 (noon) - Dec. 18.

New Auburn Subzone:

Sept. 23 - Sept. 29 and Sept. 30 (noon) - Dec. 24.

Burnett County Subzone:

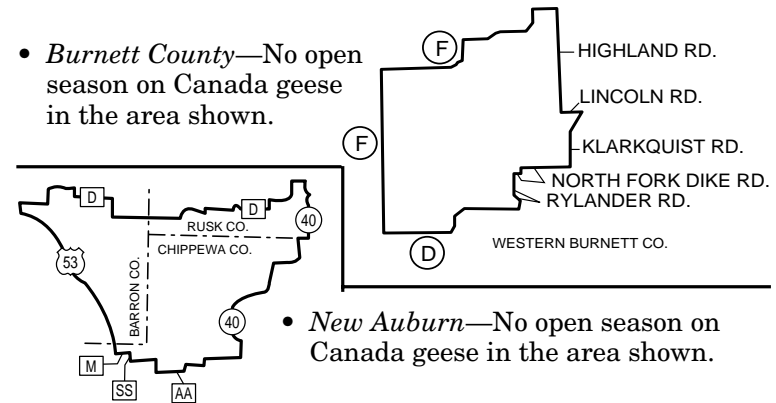
Sept. 23 - Sept. 29 and Sept. 30 (noon) - Dec. 24.

Bag limit: Fourteen daily to include not more than the legal daily limit of Canada geese, 10 white geese (snow/blue and Ross' goose), 1 white fronted goose and 1 brant. The possession limit is twice the daily bag limit for each species.

**Pick up litter and
keep your hunting grounds healthy!**

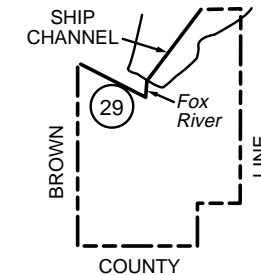
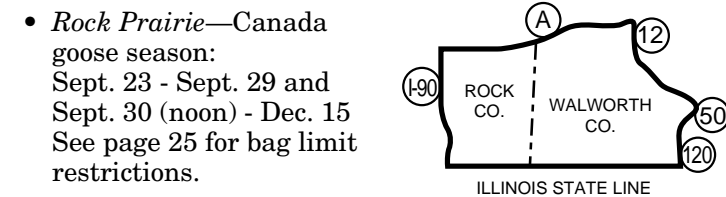
Subzone Seasons (Located within the Exterior Zone)

- *Burnett County*—No open season on Canada geese in the area shown.

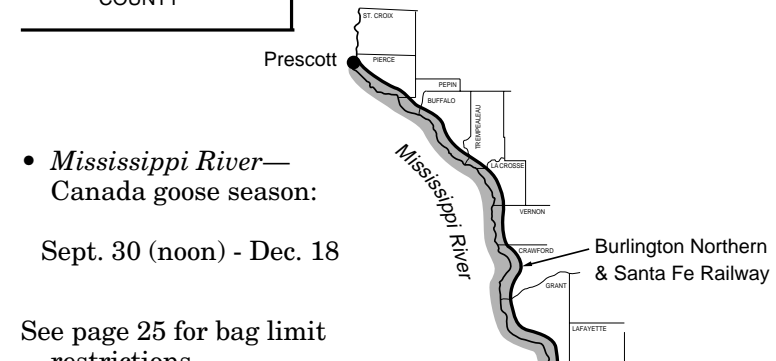


- *New Auburn*—No open season on Canada geese in the area shown.

- *Rock Prairie*—Canada goose season:
Sept. 23 - Sept. 29 and
Sept. 30 (noon) - Dec. 15
See page 25 for bag limit restrictions.



- *Brown County*—Canada goose season:
Sept. 23 - Sept. 29 and
Sept. 30 (noon) - Dec. 24
See page 25 for bag limit restrictions.



- *Mississippi River*—
Canada goose season:

Sept. 30 (noon) - Dec. 18

See page 25 for bag limit restrictions.

2000 Goose Hunting Seasons

Normal shooting hours (page 31) apply except on September 30 when goose hunting begins at noon.

Canada Geese		Season Length	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Horicon Zone	Period 1	Sept. 16 — Sept. 29 and Sept. 30 (noon) — Oct. 27	2	Equal to the number of carcass tags received by each hunter
	Period 2	Sept. 30 (noon) — Nov. 10	2	
	Period 3	Oct. 7 — Nov. 17	2	
	Period 4	Oct. 30 — Dec. 19	2	
Collins Zone	Period 1	Sept. 16 — Sept. 29 and Sept. 30 (noon) — Oct. 1	2	Equal to the number of carcass tags received by each hunter
	Period 2	Oct. 2 — Oct. 15	2	
	Period 3	Oct. 16 — Oct. 29	2	
	Period 4	Oct. 30 — Nov. 17 & Nov. 27 — Dec. 1	2	
			2	
Exterior Zone	North portion	Sept. 23 - Sept. 29 and Sept. 30 (noon) - Oct. 27 and Oct. 28 - Dec. 24	1 2	2 4

South portion	Sept. 23 - Sept. 29 and Sept. 30 (noon) - Oct. 27 and Oct. 28 - Dec. 24	1 2	2 4
Burnett Co. Subzone	Closed	None	None
New Auburn Subzone	Closed	None	None
Mississippi River Subzone	Sept. 30 (noon) - Oct. 27 and Oct. 28 - Dec. 18	1 2	2 4
Rock Prairie Subzone	Sept. 23 - Sept. 29 and Sept. 30 (noon) - Oct. 27 and Oct. 28 - Dec. 15	1 2	2 4
Brown Co. Subzone	Sept. 23 - Sept. 29 and Sept. 30 (noon) - Oct. 27 and Oct. 28 - Dec. 24	1 2	2 4

Other Geese and Brant, see page 22

Emergency Closure—In the Exterior Zone, Canada goose hunting may be closed earlier than dates listed in this pamphlet if harvests exceed the quota. Closing will be done by Zone and Subzone. See “Hunting Curtailed” on page 30.

Note: Horicon Zone landowners and hunters may be eligible for additional tags. See page 26 for details.

Agricultural Damage Permits

Horicon Zone

Starting September 16, landowners or leasees with serious crop damage can apply for Canada goose damage hunting permits. They may use 2 Canada goose agricultural damage tags themselves and issue the remaining tags to Horicon Zone Canada goose hunters. The total number of tags available is limited and based on actual goose damage.

Hunter Eligibility: You must possess a Horicon Zone Canada Goose permit to receive additional Canada Goose tags under the damage program.

How to Participate: Contact the USDA Wildlife Services Office in Waupun at 920-324-4454. A recording will explain if agricultural damage goose tags are available and how to obtain and use them.

Restrictions: You may receive up to 2 tags from each landowner participating in the program. *Tags are valid for weekday hunting only.* In addition, you must use your regular Horicon Zone Canada goose tag(s) first if they are valid during the effective dates of the landowner's permit.

Bag Limit: Geese taken under the damage program are part of the daily bag. You may not exceed the daily bag for Canada geese shown on pages 24 and 25.

Public or Private?

How do I know if I'm Trespassing?

- Navigability determines whether a waterway is public or private. Navigable lakes and streams are public waterways.
- A waterway is navigable if it has a bed and banks, and it is possible to float a canoe or other small craft at sometime of the year - even if only during spring floods.
- Because they are public, you may use navigable waters for fishing, hunting, boating, swimming or other recreational activities, provided public access is available, or you have permission of the landowner to cross their property to reach the waterway. Once on a navigable waterway, ***as long as you keep your feet wet, you may walk along the bed of the stream, fish, hunt, swim, or boat in any navigable lake or stream.***

Health Advisory

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources routinely tests many wildlife species to detect contaminants that may pose risks to your health if you eat contaminated game. Contaminants tested in wildlife include pesticides such as DDT, DDE, and dieldrin; industrial chemicals, such as PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls) or dioxins; and heavy metals, such as mercury, lead, and cadmium.

PCBs primarily pose health risks to human fetuses, infants, and children by slowing growth and development. PCB exposure has also been linked to cancer in adults and other health problems. Because PCBs may remain stored in body fat for years and pose long-term health risks, health professionals recommend that you limit your exposure to PCBs in your diet as much as possible.

PCBs were widely used industrial compounds whose production was banned in 1976. They are long-lived chemicals that may stay buried in river and lake sediments for years. PCBs have been detected in organisms throughout the food chain, including humans.

The state Division of Health has issued the following health advice to protect you from exposure to PCBs in waterfowl taken in these areas.

Location	Health Advice
Lower Fox River from Lake Winnebago at Neenah and Menasha downstream, including Little Lake Butte des Morts, to the northeast city limits of Kaukauna	Remove all skin and visible fat before cooking mallard ducks using these waters. Discard drippings or stuffing because they may retain fat that contains PCBs
Lower Fox River from the DePere Dam to the river's mouth at Green Bay, and lower Green Bay south of a line from Point Sauble west to the west shore of Green Bay	
Sheboygan River from Sheboygan Falls downstream to the river's mouth at Lake Michigan	No one should eat mallard ducks using this water
Sheboygan Harbor	No one should eat lesser scaup (bluebills) using this water
Milwaukee River from Highway 167 (Thiensville) upstream to Lime Kiln Dam at Grafton and Cedar Creek from the Milwaukee River up to Bridge Road in the Village of Cedarburg	No one should eat mallard ducks using these waters
Milwaukee Harbor	No one should eat black ducks, mallards, scaup, and ruddy ducks using this water

Note: The U.S. Food and Drug Administration standard for PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls) in poultry is 3 parts per million calculated on a fat basis.

Don't Shoot a Swan!

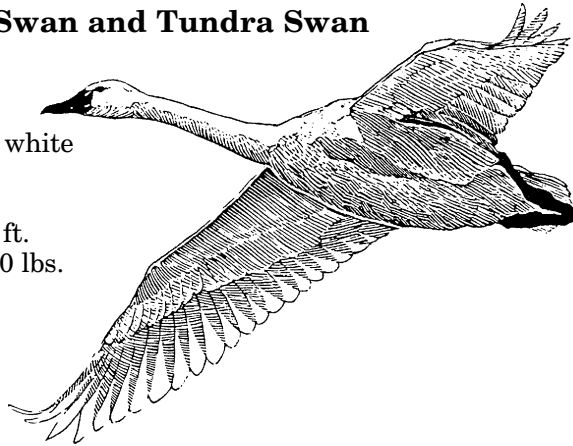
Protected Species

Trumpeter Swans, a state endangered waterfowl species, have been reintroduced in Wisconsin by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. Shooting a Trumpeter Swan may cost you up to \$4,000 in fines.

Trumpeter Swan and Tundra Swan

Look for:

- * Plumage: all white
- * Long neck
- * Length: 4 ft.
- * Wingspan: 7 ft.
- * Weight: 20-30 lbs.

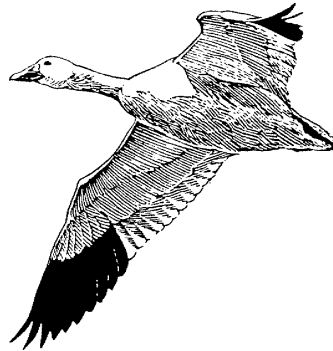


Note: Swans in their first year of life appear grey.

Legal Game Species Snow Goose

Look for:

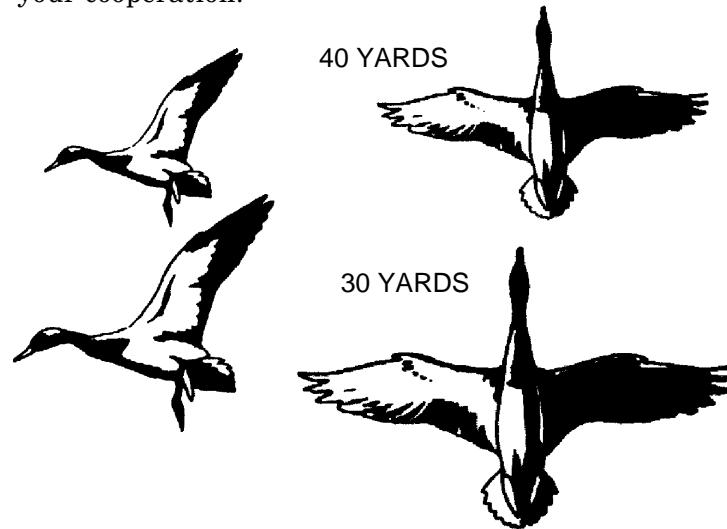
- * Plumage: White, with black wing tips
- * Short neck
- * Length: 1.5 ft.
- * Wingspan: 3.5 ft.



Note: Snow goose range is west of Wisconsin, few snow geese migrate through Wisconsin. Be sure of your target.

Report violations to your local DNR office or by calling the toll-free 1-800-TIP-WDNR (1-800-847-9367).

Prevent Crippling: These pictures represent the *actual* size of mallards at the effective range for steel shot. Test yourself continually during the season by holding your gun barrel up against these pictures. Thanks for your cooperation.



DUCKS

Falconry Seasons

The following special statewide seasons are established for Wisconsin licensed falconers:

Species	Dates	Daily Bag	Poss. Limit
Rails, woodcocks, snipe and gallinules	Sept. 1 - Dec. 16	3*	6*
Ducks mergansers & coots	Sept. 16 -17 and Sept. 30 (noon) - Nov. 28 and Jan. 25 - Mar. 10	3* 3* 3*	6* 6* 6*
Geese	Same as statewide gun season	*	*

* The total daily bag limit for migratory game birds is three, singly or in aggregate, to include not more than the legal limit for Canada Geese (listed on pages 24 and 25) in the zone in which you are hunting. The possession limit for migratory game birds is twice the daily bag.

Other Important Information

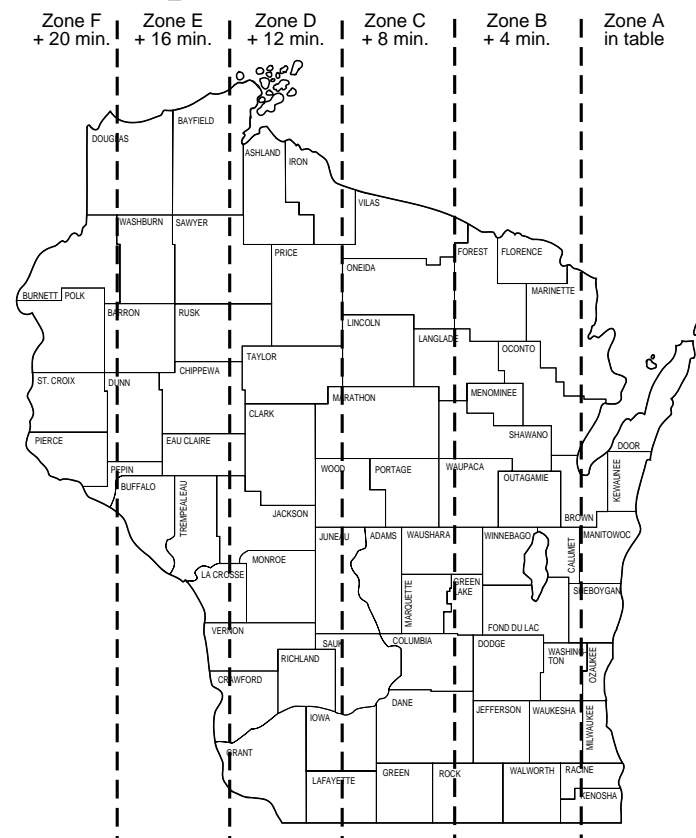
- **Laws and rules:** This summary of regulations is designed as a service to hunters and is not intended to be a complete digest of all hunting regulations. For specific details, contact the nearest DNR Service Center. Federal regulations relating to migratory game birds are located in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 20.
- **Hunting curtailed:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service requires Wisconsin to restrict the Canada goose harvest outside the tag zones to a specific number. As a result, hunters are cautioned to expect emergency season closures if harvest trends indicate the quota will be exceeded during this year's hunt.
- **Closed areas and refuges:** Because these areas are so numerous, widely scattered and seasonably variable, accurate location maps cannot be provided in this pamphlet. However, all such areas on state land are posted with signs which describe the type of hunting or trapping restrictions. Hunters should routinely scout their hunting area for any special sign before going afield. In addition, contact with the local Conservation Warden or Wildlife Biologist is encouraged. Dead or crippled game may be retrieved by hand without a firearm or with a firearm which is unloaded and enclosed in a proper carrying case or with the aid of a dog from any closed area or refuge unless posted to prohibit public entry.
- **Bird bands:** Should you obtain a bird band, report it by calling 1-800-327-BAND (1-800-327-2263). To report a band by mail, flatten it out and tape it to a 3x5 card or simply write the number on a 3x5 card. Add the date on which the bird was recovered, the location of recovery, and your name and address. Mail the card to: U.S. Geological Survey B.B.L.; 12100 Beach Forest Rd.; Ste.-4037; Laurel, Maryland 20708-4037. Thank you for your help!
- **Boating:** Be sure you are properly equipped while hunting with the aid of a boat. Be aware of the dangers of hypothermia and overloading. For more information, ask for a boating regulation pamphlet at your local DNR office.
- **Vehicle Restrictions:** On federal waterfowl production areas, motorized vehicles are prohibited. Vehicles include, but are not limited to, snowmobiles, trail bikes, all terrain vehicles and motor boats.

Hunting Hours

Note: Hunting hours may be modified starting Nov. 18, 2000. Please check with your nearest DNR Service Center or any license agent location in October for more information.

- Hunting hours for all migratory game birds are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. These hours are shown in the table on page 32.
- Six hunting hour zones are established for hunting migratory game birds as shown on the zone map. Actual hunting hours for *Zone A* are shown in the table (see page 32).
- To establish the opening and closing times for any day in another zone, add the minutes shown on the zone map to the time in the Zone A table. (See page 32)

Zone Map



Zone A Table

	September	October	November	December	January
Day	A.M.—P.M. DST	A.M.—P.M.	A.M.—P.M.	A.M.—P.M.	A.M.—P.M.
1	5:46-7:27	6:18-6:33	5:56-4:44	6:33-4:18	6:53-4:28
2	5:47-7:25	6:20-6:32	5:57-4:43	6:34-4:18	6:53-4:29
3	5:48-7:23	6:21-6:30	5:58-4:42	6:35-4:18	6:53-4:29
4	5:49-7:22	6:22-6:28	5:59-4:40	6:36-4:18	6:53-4:30
5	5:50-7:20	6:23-6:26	6:01-4:39	6:37-4:17	6:53-4:31
6	5:51-7:18	6:24-6:25	6:02-4:38	6:38-4:17	6:53-4:32
7	5:52-7:16	6:25-6:23	6:03-4:37	6:39-4:17	6:53-4:33
8	5:53-7:15	6:26-6:21	6:05-4:36	6:40-4:17	6:53-4:34
9	5:54-7:13	6:28-6:20	6:06-4:35	6:41-4:17	6:52-4:35
10	5:55-7:11	6:29-6:18	6:07-4:33	6:42-4:17	6:52-4:37
11	5:56-7:09	6:30-6:16	6:08-4:32	6:42-4:17	6:52-4:38
12	5:58-7:08	6:31-6:15	6:10-4:31	6:43-4:17	6:51-4:39
13	5:59-7:06	6:32-6:13	6:11-4:30	6:44-4:17	6:51-4:40
14	6:00-7:04	6:33-6:11	6:12-4:29	6:45-4:18	6:51-4:41
15	6:01-7:02	6:35-6:10	6:14-4:28	6:46-4:18	6:50-4:42
16	6:02-7:00	6:36-6:08	6:15-4:28	6:46-4:18	
17	6:03-6:59	6:37-6:06	6:16-4:27	6:47-4:18	
18	6:04-6:57	6:38-6:05	6:17-4:26	6:48-4:19	
19	6:05-6:55	6:39-6:03	6:19-4:25	6:48-4:19	
20	6:06-6:53	6:41-6:02	6:20-4:24	6:49-4:19	
21	6:07-6:51	6:42-6:00	6:21-4:24	6:49-4:20	
22	6:08-6:50	6:43-5:58	6:22-4:23	6:50-4:20	
23	6:10-6:48	6:44-5:57	6:23-4:22	6:50-4:21	
24	6:11-6:46	6:46-5:55	6:25-4:22	6:51-4:22	
25	6:12-6:44	6:47-5:54	6:26-4:21	6:51-4:22	
26	6:13-6:42	6:48-5:53	6:27-4:20	6:52-4:23	
27	6:14-6:41	6:49-5:51	6:28-4:20	6:52-4:24	
28	6:15-6:39	6:51-5:50	6:29-4:19	6:52-4:24	
29	6:16-6:37	5:52-4:48**	6:30-4:19	6:52-4:25	
30	6:17-6:35*	5:53-4:47	6:32-4:19	6:53-4:26	
31		5:54-4:46		6:53-4:27	
	**CST				

* Migratory game bird hunting hours begin at noon on Sept.30 except for woodcock.

** Central Standard Time (CST) starts Oct. 29.

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